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Colonel Bobby J. Wilkes is commander, College of Aerospace Doctrine, Research and Education. He is responsible for assisting in the development, analysis and wargaming of the doctrine, strategy and concepts of aerospace power and for educating Air Force, joint and combined forces on warfighting at the operational and strategic level through research, publishing, wargaming and military education. CADRE's six directorates and commander's support staff educate today's warfighter through various in-resident and distance learning courses, wargames and research on aerospace power.

Colonel Wilkes was commissioned following graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1977. He is a command pilot with more than 3,800 flying hours, primarily in the T-38, A-10 and F-16 fighter aircraft. The colonel has served most recently as commander, 355th Wing, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. He also served as director of operations, Joint Task Force Southwest Asia, was executive officer to the commander, Air Education and Training Command, and a Crisis Action Team member and executive assistant on the Joint Staff. The colonel's command positions include squadron, operations group and wing command.

EDUCATION:

1977 Bachelor of science degree in history, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1982 Squadron Officer School

1984 Master of Science Degree in Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

1989 Air Command and Staff College

1990 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

1992 Air War College

1993 Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.

1993 Master of science degree in Public Administration, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

2002 National Security Management Course, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University, N.Y.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. July 1977 - July 1978, student, pilot training, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
2. July 1978 - November 1981, T-38 instructor pilot and wing flight examiner, 54th Flying Training Squadron, 64th Flying Training Wing, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
3. June 1982 - February 1984, A-10 flight commander, 92nd Tactical Fighter Squadron, 81st Tactical Fighter Wing, RAF Bentwaters, United Kingdom
4. February 1984 - August 1985, air liaison officer, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Bamberg AIN, West Germany
5. August 1985 - August 1988, F-16 flying safety officer, flight commander and wing executive officer, 306th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 31st Tactical Fighter Wing, Homestead Air Force Base, Fla.
6. August 1988 - June 1989, chief of wing standardization/evaluation division, 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, Korea
7. July 1989 - January 1990, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
8. January 1990 - July 1992, action officer, crisis action team member and executive assistant, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
9. August 1992 - August 1993, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.
10. October 1993 - December 1994, operations officer, 307th Fighter Squadron, 347th Wing, Moody Air Force Base, Ga.
11. December 1994 - October 1995, commander, 311th Fighter Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
12. October 1995 - June 1996, executive officer to the commander, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
13. July 1996 - January 1998, commander, 23rd Operations Group, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.
14. January 1998 - April 1999, director of operations, Joint Task Force - Southwest Asia, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
15. May 1999 - June 2001, commander, 355th Wing, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.
16. July 2001 - present, commander, College of Aerospace Doctrine, Research and Education, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 3,850 hours

Aircraft Flown: T-38, C-130, A-10, F-16A/B/C/D

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	June 1, 1977
First Lieutenant	June 1, 1979
Captain	June 1, 1981
Major	July 1, 1988
Lieutenant Colonel	Apr 1, 1992
Colonel	Dec 1, 1997

(Current as of September 2002)